	Statea/UTi	Amount
31	Daman & Diu	3
32	Lakshadwecp	5
33	Pondicherry	5
	TOTAL	2370

States where Panchayati Raj elections have not been held

1920. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States where Panchayati Raj elections have not been held despite being overdue;

(b) where the Panchayati Raj institutions have been empowered with financial autonomy for rural development; and

(c) whether District Planning Committees have been constituted and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Panchayat elections are overdue in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Andhra Pradesh (for Gram Panchayat), Jharkhand, Gujarat (for Gram Panchayat), Punjab (for Intermediate Panchayat and District Panchayat) and Uttaranchal and in the UTs of Chandigarh (for Intermediate Panchayat) and Pondicherry.

(b) While devolution of powers to Panchayats is a continuing process, State/UTs have devolved financial autonomy upon Panchayati Raj Institutions for rural development in varying degrees.

(c) The District Planning Committees (DPCs) have not been constituted by all the State/UTs. While some States have indicated that they had not constituted DPCs due to pending Panchayat elections, the remaining States/UTs have reported that they wanted the existing District Planning Boards to continue. A Statement indicating the status of DPCs is enclosed.

Statement

Status of DPCs

S.No,	. States/UTs	Status of constitution of DPCs
1	Andhra Pradesh	Not constituted
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Not constituted
3	Assam	Not constituted
4	Bihar	Not constituted
5	Goa	Nil
6	Gujarat	Not constituted
7	Haryana	Only in 4 Districts. Rest under consideration. Commissioner is the Chairperson
8	Himachal Pradesh	Not yet but it is under consideration
9	J & K	Not applicable
10	Karnataka	Yes. In 17 out of 20 districts. After reorganisation there are 27 districts. All DPCs will be reconstituted now.
11	Kerala	Yes
12	Madhya Pradesh	Yes. However, District incharge Ministers are Chairpersons. Responsibilities of District Government given to the DPCs
13	Maharashtra	Not constituted
14	Manipur	Yes. However, only in 2 districts, out of 4. Adhyksha, DP is Chairperson
15	Meghalaya	Not applicable
16	Mizoram	Not applicable
17	Nagaland	Not applicable

S.No,	States/UTs	Status of constitution of DPCs
18	Orissa	Yes. DC is Chairperson
19	Punjab	Not yet but its constitution is under active consideration
20	Rajasthan	Yes. DP is Chairperson
21	Sikkim	Yes
22	Tamil Nadu	Yes. Will become operational after election of members from Panchayats & Municipalities. Chairperson, DP is Chairperson
23	Tripura	Not constituted
24	Uttar Pradesh	Yes. However, Minsiters are Chairpersons.
25	West Bengal	Yes. Chairperson, DP is Chairperson
26	A & N Island	Yes
27	Chandigarh	Not in favour as 90% of population covered by Municipality
28	D & N Haveli	Yes
29	Daman & Diu	Not constituted
30	NCT Delhi	State PR Act is under suspension
31	Lakshadwcep	Yes. CDC is Chairperson
32	Pondicherry	Election not held